Community Board 9M
565 Broadway
New York City, NY 10027

October General Board Minutes

Date: October 19, 2006
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: Board Office

The meeting of the Executive Board acting for the Full Board was called to order by Chair Jordi Reyes Montblanc [JRM] at 6:40

The attendance was taken: There was a quorum; see attached tally sheet for votes and attendance lists

C. Damanda/C. Lee: To adopt the agenda: UNAM

Lee/Damanda: To adopt the September minutes with any necessary subsequent emendations UNAM

Reports:

Bylaws: Lee
Noted that there were questions about excused/unexcused absences
Also as to the new regs coming into question in the middle of the election cycle
JRM requests that the first reading be in November and that all additional comments be made one week before the Gen Bd mtg in Nov. And the elections shall be done under the old bylaws

Chair: JRM
Submitted in writing
Reported that he ahd met with Asssemblyperson Keith Wrights re the Goldman Field closing. Agreed that the community should be given precedence in finding a place to play.

Treasurer's report- B. Marshall
No report as the OMB is working on raises.
Should have a report by next month

At this point, the Chair recognized the Deputy Borough President Ms. Rosemond Pierre-Louis [RPierre-Louis@manhattanbp.org] who introduced Michael Kent [Planning intern]
M Dunn thanked the BP for giving up part of his Sunday to come up to Harlem

DM Report: L. McClean
Noted that the 145 Street Bridge would be out of service til 2/07 –impacts the Bx 19 bus – will add to trip time; will additional busses be added to the runs?
Bway s bound at 110 street a left signal would not work with a n bound similar signal
Budget reqs must be completed
Weds BP Procedure meeting at State Office Bldg
10/31 a neeting for all Spanish speaking members of the community
Asa we will be having to move, will have to cull records. Wants help.

TK/G Goodwill To accept the reports – UNAM

BP Scott Stringer:
Introduced Leonara Davidson as his liaison
Spoke of need for a transportation agenda [an outgrowth of his Tspt conference]
"We must plan to eliminate congestion"
LDC meeting: "Good to gather the input; should do more of them"
CB Reform: "now there is less than a 1% vacancy rate".

Matthew Bix for Councilperson Dickens
Need to id exceptional teens for YMCA apps due on Tues.
Tel numbers
212.788.7397 downtown
212.678.4505 State Office Bldg
Wants guaranteed hospital stays for certain surgeries
MTA must be green, vehicles be hybrid
Working on a tenants rights prog

Ben Rosen for Assemblyperson Keith Wright
Goldman Field: We need additional space in W Harlem for the community
11/18/06 Harlem Small Business Meeting

Carey Schmitz for Assemblyperson Daniel O'Donnell
Gave monthly update
10/26 Housing Clinic – call for apt 212.866.3966
@ 245 W 104 Street

Raphael Escano for Comptroller Thompson
We generate reports, not legislation
We also analyze policies
Gave new update on Mitchell Lama Housing
JRM reminded him there was no M-L housing in our Board.

Martin Smith for Councilperson Robert Jackson
The LDC is an independent body and can make decisions; elected have input
Councilperson opposed Eminent Domain being utilized.

N Ramos requested that the record include the following statement:
"... members of the public should be allowed to attend LDC meetings AND speak briefly at the end of said meetings. Given that the LDC is charged with representing our communities highest and best interests with respect to the CU expansion plan, the community must have some measure of input and oversight."

Public Session: C Thompson chairing

Walter South
Nostalgia may not be so good!

Katrina Adams: Harlem Jr Tennis and Education Program
We provide free lessons and a lifeskills and education enrichment program. We serve kids 7-18 yrs olds.
Facility is Harlem Armory Ctr at 143 bet Lenox and 5th Avs
For information infor@harlemjrtennis.org.

Kamal Mohamed – Harlem Youth Live
We need new space; our rent is to be doubled please help
Harlemlive.org.

Nydia Leaf and Phyllis Cunningham – re selection of NYC voting machines
NYC must seled\ct new machines by 12/31/06. Support the paper ballot with scanner
Not the touch screen as there is no hard record.
Provided a handout on the subject

Tom DeMott
Noted Columbia's creation of blight
Also its hiring of own people to do work of the Empire State DEvel Corp

Bryan Mercer – Letter to Elliot Spitzer
Wants a letter campaign to have a moratorium and investigation of Eminent Domain
Provided a letter to send
bmercer@gmail.com

Kate Skolnick Community Oversight of Police Proj
We have two goals: To provide representation to those seeking ot file complaints re police misconduct and to seek systemic reform via a community Advisory Bd.

Thomas Kapner: Reflections on LDC
Talk about a winning strategy with respect to Columbia

Board Business

The nominating committee was chosen from the floor:

The composition of the Committee
M. Dunn
E Welch
C Kent
C Damanda
T Chino
T Gayer
V Ghoulsen
Note ordering is based on time of nomination
The group will choose a chairperson

The Budget prioritization sheets were collected

Action Items

Manhattan Task Force
38-0-0-1

Old Business

V Ghoulsen: The heat is oppressive here, we must meet elsewhere
JRM – Referred to Exec Bd

B Marshall provided copies of accounting codes

N Ramos: Stated that she felt that the Gabaron Foundation was deifying Columbus; many believe he was responsible for destroying the indigenous communities. Therefore the exhibition was inappropriate.

New Business

Re the web site
JRM: some efforts have been made, and a Pace intern is working on it. Does anyone want to help?

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM

Respectfully submitted

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	Roll Call 6:30	Roll Call 9:00	M'ville Task Force 9:15
J ARRENDELL	P	P	Y
C BRANCHE	Excused.....		
S CARTER	Excused.....		
J CELESTIN		P	Y
T CHINO	P	P	Y
C CORBIN-MARK			
C DAMANDA	P	P	Y
M DUNN	7:04	P	Y
T GAYER	6:55	P	Y
V GHOLSON	7:20	P	Y
C GIESECKE	P	P	Y
C GILMORE		P	Y
G GOODWILL	7:20	P	Y
D GOVAN-LEGRND	P	P	Y
M JACOBS	P	P	Y
R JACKSON	P	P	Y
T JACKSON		P	Y
R JENNETT	P	P	Y
M JEWELL	Excused.....		
J JOHNSON			
P JONES			
C KENT	P	P	Y
T KOVALEFF	P	P	Y
. WRIGHT		P	Y
C LEE	P	P	NOT ENT
P LEWIS	P	P	Y
F MACK	P	P	Y
W MAJATTE		P	Y
B MARSHALL	P	P	Y
S BAILEY MCCLAIN	Called: be late	P	Y
K MITCHELL	P	P	Y
M NORRICK	7:35	P	Y
B NORTH	P	P	Y
M PALMA	P		
C PEREZ	Called: be late	P	Y
J RAMON		P	Y
J REDDICK	Excused.....		
J REYES MONTBLANC	P	P	Y
N RAMOS	6:45	P	Y
W SOUTH	P	P	Y
O SOWAH	P	P	Y
B TAYLOR	Excused.....		
Y STENNETT	P	P	Y
G MORGAN THOMAS			
C THOMPSON	P	P	Y
G TINSLEY	P	P	Y
L WALTON	P		
E WELCH	P	P	Y
A WHITMAN	P	P	Y
WILSON	P	P	Y
TOTAL	27	38	38-0-0-1